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reaches the position that their underground water is critical that those neighbors will get together and share that water, not prohibit a neighbor from having the water but share it together. This is what Bereuter's amendment would do in that it would allow, in that critical area, the NRD board the right to prohibit new drillings for one calendar year period only. At the end of that one calendar year this question would be looked at again. This, in my opinion, leaves the intact that the underground water should be shared on a share alike basis in allocation having nothing to do with when you put your stinger by drilling a well into the underground water source. The underground water should be shared and shared alike. Lewis' amendment can prohibit this. The Bereuter amendment would allow, on a momentary basis, this prohibition. I do support the Bereuter amendment. I support returning the bill to Select File on the basis of share the water and share it all alike.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stull.

SENATOR STULL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Kremer a question. He's the Chairman of the Public Works Committee. I would like to ask Senator Kremer a question please.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kremer. Senator Kremer, could you respond to some questions by Senator Stull?

SENATOR STULL: Senator Kremer, during the study of underground water and during the public hearing on 577 was there anything ever brought up about the bill that passed in the 1957 session of the Legislature, Legislative Bill 109?

SENATOR KREMER: In 1957?

SENATOR STULL: Yes.

SENATOR KREMER: Is that the spacing of wells?

SENATOR STULL: Spacing of the wells and the registration of wells.

SENATOR KREMER: About the only comment that I remember was that . . . pertaining to water law, underground water law, we have only two things. One of them is the registration of wells, the other is the spacing of wells. That's about all we had. That comment came to the surface several times. That's the only comment that I can recall that was made at the time of the hearings.

SENATOR STULL: Well for the record I would like to read in a little excerpt taken from the hearing on this bill. It went on to say, this was at the hearing of Legislative Bill 109, the bill passed by the Legislature in 1957 which provided for the registration of irrigation wells, before the Public Works Committee on January 25, 1957, seems to imply that the Legislature sought to protect and give priority to the water rights of those citizens who had already drilled wells. The following is from the record